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**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. A Drawing Change Authorization Request and a new set of formal drawings are attached hereto.

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--According to another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of operating a network comprising a plurality of network domains, including calculating a charge for use by a respective customer of network

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